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**PATENT  
REPLY FILED UNDER EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO  
37 CFR § 1.116**

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

Applicants hereby submit the attached Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.131 to establish that their date of invention of the subject matter of the rejected claims was prior to the effective date of the primary reference cited in the Office Action, i.e., the document by Biacs et al. The attached declaration is accompanied by a proposal document, which has been redacted by applicants' attorney in order to remove unnecessary information, such as customer/vendor names and pricing and business-related information that is not pertinent to the claimed subject matter.

The examiner is respectfully urged to carefully review the attached declaration, which is signed by both of the co-inventors of the present application, John E. Maloney and Robert J. Anderson, and to withdraw the rejections based on Biacs et al. Should the examiner for any reason feel that the declaration is insufficient, or that additional information is required, she is respectfully encouraged to call applicants' undersigned attorney at 206.332.1384.

### **CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance for claims 1-20 is respectfully solicited.

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